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As a person who's livelihood is testing software, I have to let you know that the recently proposed settlement with Microsoft is a bad idea.

Microsoft is a monoculture. We would not plant the same strain of corn, or culture all the same trees or husband only one breed of cows across the country for fear of a devastating disease wiping out the entire group. Anything that allowing the expansion of one system (to the degree Microsoft currently holds) guarantees contraction of all other systems and this ruling smacks of that. In this case, one of the side issues here is national security which needs to be aggressively addressed.

This is potentially bad, bad management.

Sincerely,

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